

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
4th Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026



John 9:1-41

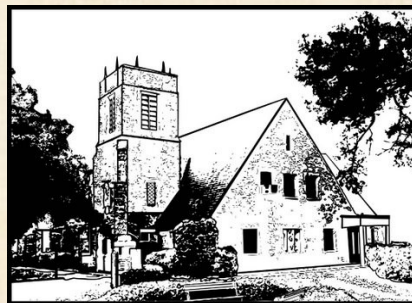
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
whoever follows me will
have the light of life.

To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will come...
The Church opens the door and says in the name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas

2026 VESTRY
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Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Holy Eucharist 10:00am
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.
Office hours Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00pm
Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:
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We are glad that you are worshipping with us today!
“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Ps 122:1
Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

4th Sunday in Lent The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with “S” are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or *LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

A Penitential Order

Entrance Hymn *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* *The Hymnal 429*

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer p. 351*

CELEBRANT: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE: *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue

The Book of Common Prayer p. 350

CELEBRANT:

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PEOPLE: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

CELEBRANT: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

CLEBRANT AND PEOPLE:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

Kyrie

The Hymnal #S-91

S 91

The Holy Eucharist I

Lord, have mercy upon us *Kyrie*

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a G major key signature (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases marked with slurs.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Please be seated.

Collect of the day

(See Readings Insert)

ALL: Amen.

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of Samuel

(See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is the Psalm 23
We will read responsively by whole verse

(See Readings Insert)

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Gradual Hymn

Open Our Eyes Lord

Renew 91

1. O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,
2. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love
o - pen our eyes,
him. Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

(See Readings Insert)

After the Gospel

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(See Readings Insert)

The Peace
(All stand.)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Hymnal **645**

Doxology

All Things Come of Thee

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All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we giv-en Thee. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer p. 361

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
 PEOPLE: And also with you.
 CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.
 PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.
 CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
 CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE
Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

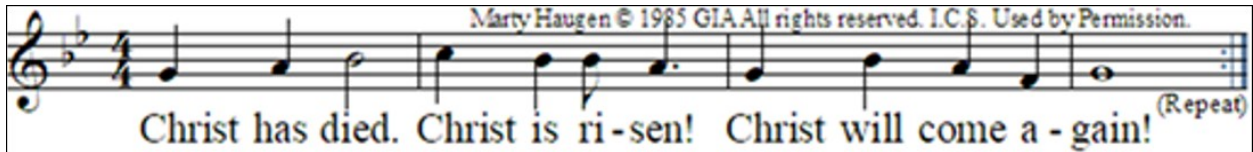
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:



CELEBRANT: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

SILENCE

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

CELEBRANT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

CELEBRANT: The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord. If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

*Let Us Break Bread Together
God of Mercy, God of Grace*

*The Hymnal 325
The Hymnal 538*

Post communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 366

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Solemn Prayer:

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

People: Kneel as able.

Presider: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Closing Hymn: *I want to walk as a Child of the Light*

The Hymnal 490

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE WEEK AHEAD	
Sunday, March 15	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:15a.m.	Lenten Book Study with Deacon Margaret
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Rev. Meg Lovejoy Vestry Meeting after the 10:00am service.
Tuesday, March 17	Breakfast Bunch at 9:00am at IH 10 Diner..
Wednesday, March 18	Art Class at 9:30am in the parish hall.
Wednesday, March 18	Lenten Book Study and Light Supper.
Thursday, March 19	Game Group at 10:00am in the parish hall.
Sunday, March 22	
8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:15a.m.	Lenten Book Study with Deacon Margaret
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Rev. Geoff Gwynne
Save the Date:	
Sunday, March 29	Bishop Jeff Fisher will visit St. Paul's 5th Sunday Luncheon after the 10:00am service.
Feast Days	
March 19	St. Joseph Feast day
March 25	The Annunciation
March 29	Palm Sunday

WELCOME VISITORS!
We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Happy Birthday

Walton, Haley	3/01
Bromley, Reese	3/03
Odom, Lin	3/10
Hollier, Amber	3/10
Rotsch, Walter	3/11
Baldwin, Amber	3/14
Bean, Foss	3/15
Walker-Winfree, Krispen	3/21
Walker, Bob	3/27
Hall, Mrs. Donna	3/27
Silk, David	3/28
Works, Brandi	3/31

Happy Anniversary
Jones, Jerry & Sherlon 3/15

On Palm Sunday March 29, Bishop Jeff Fisher will visit St. Paul. If you would like to be baptized or confirmed, please contact the office at Stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com Or 409-883-2969.

5th Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, March 29 after the 10:00am service. Please bring a dish according to your last name initial: or something that you would like to bring:
A-D Veg
G-K Meat
L-R Dessert
S-W Salad
If you have any questions, email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call 409-883-2969.

4th Sunday in Lent March 15, 2026	5th Sunday in Lent March 22, 2026
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Earl Geis	10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Donna Hall
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Ephesians 5:8-14 Becky Rutledge Gospel: John 9:1-41 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy	EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Romans 8:6-11 Miles Hall, III Gospel: John 11:1-45 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Geoff Gwynne
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Joe Maglothin Ushers: Anne Breitenstein & Teri Duos Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Walton Allison Maglothin	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Ray & Ruth Hancock Bill Smith
Flower Guild: No flowers during Lent	Flower Guild: No flowers during Lent